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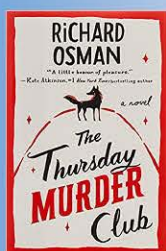
Welcome to the latest edition of the Library newsletter. We are currently busy removing old stock from the shelves. The non-fiction section in particular is having a big overhaul so, if you think of any subjects or books that you or other students would benefit from please let us know.

Well done to all those who took part in the library Christmas quiz. Merits and certificates have been issued.



Congratulations to Polly Canelas and Sophia Salvucci who have both achieved 7 stamps and to Alice Vitale who has collected 14 stamps. Amazing effort!

## NEW BOOK



**The Thursday Murder Club** is the debut novel by Pointless and House of Games presenter Richard Osman.

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

## Interesting facts about books

- It is believed that the first ever book written was 'The Epic of Gilgamesh'. The story was written in 2100 BCE in the cuneiform script, which is one of the oldest forms of writing.
- In the past, the value of books was so high, that people had to chain books to the shelves. It was a highly effective theft prevention method and was widely practiced in the Middle Ages.
- In his entire criminal career, Stephen Blumberg stole 23,600 rare books from 268 libraries. The total value of the stolen books is estimated to be around £10 million!
- A person who steals books is called a biblioklept.
- According to Guinness World Records, 'Remembrance of Things Past' is the longest book in the world. It was written by Marcel Proust who was from France, in 1912. It has 9,609,000 characters, including spaces.
- 'Bibliosmia' is the enjoyment of the smell of old books.



Don't forget you can use the library during break and lunchtimes to do homework, print off work or you can pop in if you just want somewhere quiet to sit and read.



We hope to see you soon!

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the LIBRARY

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